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ON APRIL 2, ALGIERS ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY "ASH-SHA'B"
AND ITS CONSTANTINE COUNTERPART "AN-NASR" REACTED SOURLY
TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LAGOS SPEECH. FOLLOWING ARE
MAJOR EDITORIAL POINTS:

A. FATE OF AFRICAN PEOPLES DOES NOT INTEREST U.S.
MAJOR U.S. CONCERNS ON CONTINENT ARE NATURAL RESOURCES
AND MARKETS. CARTER CHOSE NIGERIA AS FIRST STOP SOUTH
OF SAHARA IN ORDER TO WIN NIGERIAN MARKET AND TO BRING
NIGERIA INTO U.S. ORBIT.

B. CARTER CONDEMNATION OF RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
ONLY A MANEUVER. IF U.S. STYLE IN DEALING WITH AFRICA
HAS CHANGED, ITS FUNDAMENTAL POLICY HAS NOT. HAD U.S.
ATTITUDE CHANGED, IT WOULD NOT HAVE USED VETO IN SUPPORT
OF SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME, AND WOULD NOT HAVE REMAINED
SILENT ABOUT THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT LIVES TAKEN BY SMITH
REGIME IN RHODESIA. U.S. ONLY BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT
BLOODSHED WHEN COLONIALISTS' BLOOD BEGAN TO FLOW.

C. AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA IS TWO-FACED.
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THUS, CARTER'S WARNING TO VORSTER GOVERNMENT VITIATED
BY U.S. DECISION TO SELL 80 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO PRETORIA
REGIME. AS LONG AS U.S. CONTINUES TO SUPPORT FEUDAL
REGIMES, AFRICAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE DIF-
FERENCE BETWEEN THEIR REAL SUPPORTERS AND THOSE WHO
DISTRIBUTE SIDE SMILES, EASY TALK AND WHEAT, WHILE AT
SAME TIME LOOTING CONTINENT OF ENERGY AND RESORUCES.

D. CARTER PROFESSES HIMSELF AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. YET U.S. HAS REMAINED SILENT ON FRENCH ACTIONS. PERHAPS U.S. CONSIDERS FRENCH TROOPS TO BE NATIVE TO CONTINENT.

E. WHATEVER EXTENT OF PLOT AGAINST THEM, SOUTHERN AFRICA PEOPLES WILL ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES OF LIBERATING AFRICA FROM RACISIM AND EXPLOITATION BY MULTINATIONALS.HAYNES

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